

HOUSE BILL 2555
By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 18, Part 1, relative to the eligibility to hold
office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 18, Part 1, is amended by
adding a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 8-18-1___. To be considered an inhabitant of the state, county, district, or
circuit, a candidate, elected official or appointed official must reside in a dwelling place
which is within the boundaries of such state, county, district, or circuit at the time of
qualification. The candidate, elected official or appointed official must maintain a
continuous physical presence, provided that absence from the dwelling place for short
periods of time shall not affect the person's eligibility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.